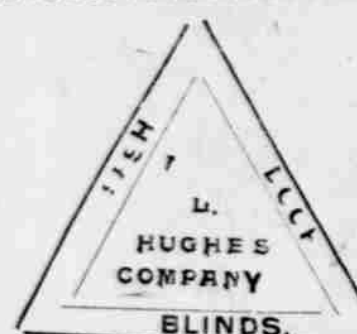


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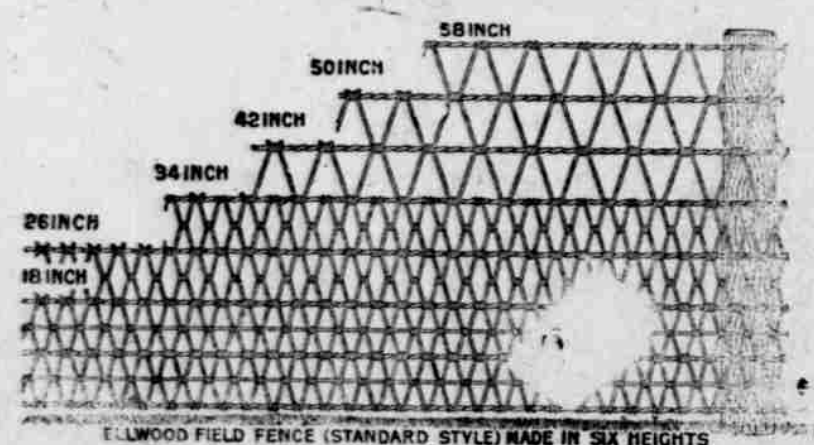
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### MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

The Famous Case of Lesurques of the Lyons Mail.

The most famous of all cases of mistaken identity is that of Lesurques, charged with the robbery and murder of the courier of the Lyons mail, the incidents of which were woven into the old dramatic play "The Lyons Mail."

Lesurques was positively identified as a man who had traveled by the mail coach, and he was in due course convicted. Yet at the eleventh hour a woman came into court and declared his innocence, swearing that the witnesses had mistaken him for another, Duboscq, whom he greatly resembled. She was the confidant of one of the gang who had planned and carried out the robbery. But her testimony, although corroborated by other confederates, was rejected, and Lesurques received sentence of death. Lesurques died protesting his innocence to the last. Four years elapsed before Duboscq was captured. In the interval others of the gang had passed through the hands of the police, but the prime mover was only now taken. Even then he twice escaped from prison. When finally he was put on his trial and the judge ordered a fair wig, such as Lesurques had worn, to be placed on his head, the strange likeness was immediately apparent. He denied his guilt, but was convicted and guillotined. Thus two men suffered for one offense.

### PHEIHSTORIC ANIMALS.

Rocks In Which They Are Preserved Denote Their Age.

Fossil remains of prehistoric animals would not have been preserved and handed down to us through all the ages had these remains been exposed to the air.

Fortunately for the scientists of today, when these animals perished the rock which holds their remains was merely soft mud or drifting sand. It encompassed the carcass of the animal, held it tight from air and water and during the intervening ages passed through the various processes until it became solid rock.

Some of these remains, even those of the oldest animals, have been discovered quite close to the surface. This is because the crust of the earth is like a paper wrapping, folding and crumbling under the pressure of the gases and fire of the interior, with the result that here and there the crust has been turned upside down, so that the lower strata of rock are on top.

And it is the particular stratum of rock that reveals the approximate age of the animal. Geologists, on examination, can tell the age of the rock, which gives them the date at which the animal flourished.—London Strand Magazine.

### Bending of Great Guns.

Among the problems with which army and navy engineers have to deal nowadays is that of the drooping of the muzzles of excessively long guns under the stress of their own weight. Experiments have shown that wire wound guns of twelve inch caliber and fifty feet length droop at the muzzle about four and a half minutes of arc, while built up solid guns of the same size droop about two and a half minutes. Differences of temperature in the body of the gun also cause bendings, which may either increase the droop at the muzzle or counteract it, according as it is the upper or under part of the gun that has the higher temperature. In consequence of these distortions projectiles on leaving a gun have a wobbly motion, continuing up to 500 yards, and probably more.

### Frightened to It.

It was quite a fashionable bridge party, and one of the players was a small, nervous young thing, not sure of any of her plays and fearfully afraid of her partner, a living proof of the existence of that much discussed creature, the "bridge fiend."

"I return your lead then," said the other player frigidly, "and I am sure we would not have lost if you had discarded correctly. Would you mind telling me what you have been discarding from—strength or weakness?"

The nervous young thing lifted her eyes with a flash of spirit. "From fright," she said candidly.—Philadelphia Times.

### A Hint For the Flatterer.

"She rejected him, then?" "Yes." "He used to praise her beauty in glowing terms. I should think that would have made her fall in love with him."

"It made her fall in love with herself, and she hasn't had room for a thought about anybody else."

### The Wife's Work.

The man who makes his wife get up in the morning to start the fires at last saved enough money to buy an automobile. One day while going up a hill the machine stopped.

"You'll have to get out and push, Fannie," he said, "because I've got to stay here and guide it."—Lippincott's.

### Beating Furniture.

To beat furniture put damp unlinty cloths over the upholstered parts and beat until they are black with dust, then turn to the other side. Continue with fresh cloths until no more dust shows.

### Cut Rather Low.

"Do you notice how the color of this dress matches my eyes?" "Yes; and I also notice how the cut of it matches that sore throat you have."—Washington Herald.

### SIGNATURE EXPERTS.

Bank Clerks That Can't Be Deceived by Names on Checks.

A number of the larger banking institutions employ from one to half a dozen men whose sole duty is to examine every check that comes in through the clearing house and vouch for the genuineness of the signatures.

To the ordinary citizen it seems nothing short of marvelous that a signature clerk will instantly recognize the slightest alteration in a signature, with thousands of checks passing through his hands each day, many of them drawn by depositors who sign but a few checks in the course of a year, but an expert signature clerk can carry in his mind accurate photographs of 5,000 or more signatures and rarely has to refer to the signature book. When not engaged with the incoming checks the signature expert spends his time in familiarizing himself with the signatures of new customers. There is no room for uncertainty in his business, for if he passes a bogus draft it will mean a bad mark against him when promotions are in order, and to refuse payment on a genuine check means a very wrathful customer.

The signature clerk is also required to see that no checks are post dated and to look for checks on which payment has been stopped.

In proportion to the number of checks paid by a large bank every business day the smallness of the number of bad ones that slip through is nothing short of marvelous.—Harper's Weekly.

### BASEBALL INSTINCT.

It Takes Quick Thinking Players to Make a Successful Team.

The greatest difficulty in building up ball teams in this day, when the game has become a business as well as a sport, is in securing what we know as "thinking ball players." There are any number of ball players in the minor leagues who have natural physical ability, but it is very rarely possible to secure men who have that peculiar faculty of being able to think and act simultaneously.

It is no reflection on a ball player's general intelligence to say that he hasn't that quality. I know scores of players who are men of unusual intellect, but who are lacking in that ability to think and act at the same time. Give them a few minutes to consider a problem, and they will arrive at a conclusion that is quite logical, but baseball games are not won on logic. The plays that win are usually the result of impulse. It is instinct with some ball players to make the proper play at the proper time.

It would be possible to count on the fingers of the two hands the men in the league who are "quick thinking ball players." The team that is blessed with a majority of that class of players is the one that usually wins the championship. A team must have at least two thinking ball players to be a contender, and if it has four the championship is in sight.—John J. McGraw in the Metropolitan.

### The First French Newspaper.

It was under Richelieu that the first newspaper received sanction and encouragement, says Thomas E. Watson in "The Story of France." Hitherto the only such thing in France had been an annual. This once a year being a somewhat sluggish news vendor, even for those times, little handbills containing news items began to circulate. A Dr. Renaudet in 1631 obtained a license from Richelieu to publish a regular weekly newspaper, and thus was founded the Gazette of France. It was very modest, consisting of four pages, each containing a single column. Louis XIII. was a frequent contributor to this first of newspapers and took special pleasure in the work. The great cardinal also wrote for it, his weakness being a fondness for literary composition.

### Nantucket's Windmills.

There isn't a stream or a brook in the island of Nantucket, off the New England coast, but there are plenty of windmills, which pump water to tanks and thus supply community needs; also Nantucket possesses what is believed to be the oldest windmill for grinding corn in actual operation in America. Nathan Wilbur, a Nantucket sailor, who had seen the busy windmills of Holland as he sailed abroad, built it out of timbers of wrecked ships in 1746. There has never been a day in all the 165 years since that time when the mill has not been busy. There is always a wind to turn its outstretched wings.—New York World.

### Curious.

A lady one day remarked to Bulwer Lytton how odd it was that a dove (Latin, columbe) should have been sent out to find the old world, and Columbus (Columbe) should have found the new.

"Yes," agreed the novelist, "but more curious still is the fact that one came from Noah and the other from Genoa!"

### Just a Little.

Aunt—Ah, Amelia, you look very pale. Tell me the truth. You have been burning the midnight oil? Amelia (lately become engaged)—Yes, aunt, but not very much. We turned the lamp down very low.—London Tit-Bits.

### A Unique Ear.

"That sentence is not incorrect," said the professor, "but it sounds odd to the English speaking ear."—Harvard Lampoon.

My duty is to dare all things for a righteous end.—Byron.

### THEY FOOL THE FOWL.

Wild Duck Hunters in China Are Wily in Their Methods.

A full grown wild duck is one of the most wily of all animals, and many are the devices of hunters in various parts of the world to kill or to capture it. There is one method of taking wild ducks in considerable numbers practiced in China and elsewhere in the east which is sufficiently unknown to occidentals to prove of interest.

The natives see that a large number of big calabashes, or gourds, shall always be left floating on the water frequented by the birds till they come to regard them as part and parcel of their resorts.

The duck hunter chooses his time, and, putting one of the calabashes, with holes cut for his mouth and eyes, upon his head, he wades through the lake, taking care to keep the whole of his body beneath the surface. He cautiously approaches the unsuspecting wild fowl and, catching one of them by the leg, pulls him with a sudden jerk beneath the water, causing hardly more commotion of the surface than the duck itself when it dives or splashes or plunges for its food. He wrings its neck under the water and fastens it to his belt. Then he deals with another and another in the same fashion till he makes his retreat, equally unnoticed, with a whole girdle of captured wild ducks around his waist.—Exchange.

### SPIDERS' WEBS.

Their Filmy Threads Have Wonderful Sustaining Power.

The strength of the spider and of the materials it employs is something almost incomprehensible when the size of the insect and the thickness of its thread are taken into account. Recent experiments have shown that a single thread of a web made by a spider which weighed fifty-four milligrams supported endwise a weight of four grams, or seventy-four times the weight of the spider itself.

When, therefore, a spider spins a web to let himself down from the ceiling or from the branch of a tree and we see him descending without perceiving his thread at all we may be perfectly sure that he is not only in no danger of falling, but that he could carry seventy-three other spiders down with him on his invisible rope.

Knowing this fact with reference to a single thread, we need not be surprised that the threads of a web, interwoven and re-enforced one by another, have a very considerable strength and are able to hold bees and wasps, themselves very powerful in proportion to their size, and to bend without breaking under a weight of dew or rain.—New York Press.

### A Minor Consideration.

It was often remarked by the relatives of Uncle Gideon Dobbs that he was a most delightful person to whom to confide a cherished ambition or display an achievement. Whether Uncle Gideon understood fully or not, he was always ready with sympathy, admiration or encouragement.

When the family received the summons to inspect young Franklin Dobbs' invention, the mysterious work which had occupied him for nearly a year, Uncle Gideon was all enthusiasm. He entered the room where the invention, a thing of many small wheels and bars, was placed on a heavy table, stepped up to his nephew and wrung his hand.

"You've done something to be proud of, my boy," he said cordially. "Look at all those little wheels, each in its proper place and all running like clockwork. It's a perfect success, my boy, a perfect success. What's it for?"—Youth's Companion.

### Diversity of Language.

E. B. Taylor in his "Anthropology" says: "Language is one branch of the great art of sign making or sign choosing, and its business is to hit upon some sound as a suitable sign or symbol for each thought. Whenever a sound has been thus chosen there was no doubt a reason for the choice, but it did not follow that each language should choose the same sound." Thus we have the root explanation of the great puzzle of diversity of language. Originally a matter of sound, language varies with the thing by which it is suggested, and hence the babel of tongues found in our human speech.

### Health and Wealth.

Health is the foundation of the world's prosperity. Wealth is the result of the toils of health. A strong, enduring body is good capital to begin business with. A sound mind and good judgment add greatly to its value. Possessed of these, a man may earn a living and enjoy it when earned.

### How He Felt.

Bearit—Bullem has failed for half a million and his creditors will get about fifty thousand. Lambiegh—How does he feel about it? Bearit—Sore, of course. Fifty thousand is a lot of money to give up.—Exchange.

### Injury and Insult.

"What's the matter with your wife? She seems very friscible lately." "Why, she was assisting at a rummage sale and somebody sold her new hat for 35 cents."—Washington Herald.

### Popular Songs.

Scott—A physician says in this article that music affects the circulation. Mott—You bet it does. I've heard music that made my blood boil.—Boston Transcript.

Truth is violated by falsehood, and it may be equally outraged by silence.

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